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## **Petersburg National Battlefield Sponsors Bioblitz Photo Contest**

**Petersburg National Battlefield, (TBA, 2017)** -Calling all local photographers! Petersburg National Battlefield Park invites interested professional and amateur photographers to submit photographs that exemplify the park's natural landscape. While the park has the duty to tell the story of the Civil War, the park is also a biodiverse landscape that encompasses open green fields, flowing creeks, forested trails, and a wide range of flora and fauna. In promotion for our Bioblitz event on May 13th, 2017, we would like to inspire the public to explore our park beyond its Civil War history. The Bioblitz is a 24-hour all-taxa inventory in which teams of volunteers, led by subject matter experts, attempt to find and identify as many species as possible. All ages and levels of experience are encouraged to participate.

Photos must be taking within the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield Park. Photos taken at the following park units are eligible for the competition: the Eastern Front, Western Front, Five Forks, and City Point. There will be six main categories: **Mammals and Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians, Plants and Fungi, Landscapes, Youth Photo, and Park Choice.** Submissions should be both physical prints and digital formats. Submissions will be accepted 4/1/17 to 5/1/17 and should include the Entry and Photo Release form; these forms can be downloaded from our website.

Physical submissions should be dropped off at the Petersburg National Battlefield Park Eastern Front Visitor's Center front desk. Entries will be accepted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017. Only printed photographs, sized between 8" x 10" and "13x19" will be accepted.

**Grand Prize:** The photos of all winners of each category will be displayed on the Petersburg National Battlefield Park website and social media accounts. Furthermore, these pictures can be used in brochures, posters, presentations, and other park propaganda. Additional prizes include park pass, gifts cards, and National Park Service paraphernalia.

### **Judging**

Digital submissions will be uploaded to the park Facebook page where the public can vote for their favorite picture by liking it. Physical submissions will be showcased at the May 2017, Petersburg, VA, Friday for the Arts where people can vote throughout the weekend for their favorite photo. In addition to choosing winners for the picture categories, winners will be selected for Youth Photo (13-18 yrs.) and Park Choice. These two latter categories will be determined by park service employees.

**Announcement of Winners**

Winners will be notified by phone, e-mail, or mail the week following the Friday for the Arts exhibit.

**Print Return**

Note: Any entry not picked up by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 becomes the property of the National Park Service.

**Exhibit Dates**

The exhibit will take place from May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 until the first week of June 2017.